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### (54) SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SESSION MANAGEMENT IN A MULTIPLAYER NETWORK GAMING ENVIRONMENT

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

Disclosed are systems and methods for session management. The disclosed system allows for seamless merging and splitting of network sessions in a multiplayer network gaming environment. Seamless session management allows dynamic movement of players in a virtual world during gameplay without unnecessary loading and/or stalling. As the players in the virtual world move around, the management of active game sessions can be improved to effect a more realistic perceived population.

